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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

IN RE LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
DEVICES IN THE COURTHOUSES
OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
IOWA

BY D. Ratay

No: 07-AO-0009-P

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Administrative Order Number 1469 is withdrawn.

The following rules govern the use of laptop computers and wireless communication devices (herein collectively referred to as "devices") in the courthouses in the Northern District of Iowa.

Laptop computers and wireless communication devices are not allowed in the courthouses of the Northern District of Iowa with the following exceptions.

1. Employees of the courthouse tenants may bring the devices into the courthouse with no limitations except those imposed by the employer.
2. Approved contractors in the courthouse to perform work for tenants may bring the devices into the courthouse provided they are disabled from making an audible sound when the contractor is in the vicinity of a courtroom.
3. Licensed attorneys and law enforcement agents may bring the devices into the courthouse provided:
 - (a) The wireless communication device is turned off while in the courtroom(laptop computers may be used in the courtroom consistent with these rules);
 - (b) The device is disabled from making an audible sound when the person

is in the vicinity of a courtroom;

- (c) The device is not used to photograph the person or record the voice of any person in the courthouse;
- (d) The device is not used to transmit testimony or any photographs during a court proceeding; and
- (e) The attorney or law enforcement agent does not allow another person to use the device unless that other person would be authorized to use a similar device under these rules.

4. A person selected to serve on a jury panel may bring a device into the courthouse provided:

- (a) The device is not brought into the courtroom;
- (b) The device is disabled from making an audible sound;
- (c) The device is only used at breaks in the trial; and
- (d) The device is surrendered to a court security officer while the jury is in deliberations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2007.



JUDGE LINDA R. READE
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA



JUDGE MARK W. BENNETT
JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA